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MFA political director Kai Eide told embassy that following his March 26 meeting with the DCM he spoke with Foreign Minister Stoere regarding U.S. concerns over the decision to exchange Taliban prisoners for a kidnapped Italian journalist. According to Eide, FM Stoere is in full agreement with these concerns and will speak with Afghan and Italian counterparts to make it clear that Norway views this decision as dangerous and putting all other nations involved in Afghanistan at risk.
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